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SUBJECT: BUSINESS TRAVEL: US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. EDWARD B. RUST, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE U.S., DANIEL L. GOLDY, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAMBER'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE, AND JOHN L. CALDWELL, DIRECTOR OF THE CHAMBER'S CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS RELATIONS, HAVE INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT OF THEIR PLANNED VISIT TO MOSCOW AUGUST 26-29 AND TO LENINGRAD AUGUST 29-31 FOR A CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR SCHEDULE IS BEING ARRANGED BY THE SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE US CHAMBER OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THE CHARGE AND CONSUL GENERAL AND WILL TELEPHONE UPON ARRIVAL TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME.

2. FYI. US CHAMBER OFFICIALS HAD CONSIDERED CANCELLATION OF TRIP IN VIEW OF FORMATION OF US-USSR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUT THE SOVIETS ASKED THEM TO PROCEED WITH VISIT TO DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONAL CHAMBERS

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